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EVERYTHING YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT **RED SOLO CUPS**

Chicago Tribune, RedEye

In case you missed it, the manufacturer of your favorite party cup is being sold.

Lake Forest-based Solo Cup is being acquired by foam cup manufacturer Dart Container for \$1 billion, the two companies announced Wednesday.

The deal is expected to close in the third quarter. Mason, Mich.-based Dart said it "expects to continue offering products under the Solo brand—including the iconic red Solo cup." The two companies will operate independently until the transaction earns regulatory approval and closes.

"Dart's leadership team has shown a high level of respect for what Solo accomplished, and I believe we are putting the company in the right hands to succeed and grow going forward," Robert Korzenski, the chief executive of Solo, said in a statement. In the meantime, here are a few odds and ends about the iconic beverage container.

CHICAGO CONNECTION

Solo's largest manufacturing plant is on Chicago's South Side in a facility that employs 1,715 people. It also has a smaller plant in Urbana.

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Number of people the company employs in Illinois.

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Solo celebrated its 75th anniversary in 2011.

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—Lyrics to **Toby Keith's** "Red Solo Cup"

Katniss Everdeen is my new BFF



Katie Donbavand

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When I say "young adult literature," what comes to mind? I bet it's angst-ridden teenage girls and sparkly vampires who have nothing better to do with their immortality than to take high school chem over and over again.

The "Twilight" juggernaut has ruined YA lit's reputation. It has come to stand as a symbol of everything eye-rollingly terrible about the genre. Almost all the blame can be laid on its fictional narrator, Bella Swan. Even a decent percentage of Twi-hards who swear their allegiance to Stephenie Meyer admit they can't stand the passive (at her best), asinine (at her worst) Bella Swan.

Forget about "Twilight." Please. A beacon of fabulous hope for revitalizing the YA genre has appeared in the form of Suzanne Collins' "Hunger Games" trilogy and its heroine, Katniss Everdeen. The first "Hunger Games" movie dropped at midnight Thursday, and it will serve as a satisfying antidote to the "Twilight" books and movies. This is especially true when comparing narrators: Bella vs. Katniss.

I haven't had an imaginary best friend since I was in Garanimals, but I'll make an exception for Katniss. She is my new (fictional) best friend. She's tough and smart, and she won't flake on your plans to hang out with her vampire boyfriend instead.

If Katniss is my new best friend, then Bella is the girl I'm forever avoiding. Bella is the girl whose calls I let go to voice mail and whose appearance on my Gchat list sends me scrambling to put up an "Unavailable" status before I'm sucked into her drama vortex.

In "Twilight," Bella's primary concern is being with her boyfriend. For hundreds of pages, Bella waits. She wallows. She worries. She whines. My girl Katniss worries too, but instead of waiting for her immortal boyfriend to show up, she inspires a bedraggled, oppressed nation into revolution.

Katniss volunteers for the Hunger Games in the place of her little sister—a heroic and suicidal gesture. Bella, on the other hand,



Jennifer Lawrence as Katniss Everdeen

needs an entire family of vampires *and* a pack of werewolves to protect her.

Katniss fights genetically engineered creatures, survives assassination attempts and becomes a symbol of strength in the face of hopelessness. Bella spends a good deal of her novels being carried places by supernatural dudes.

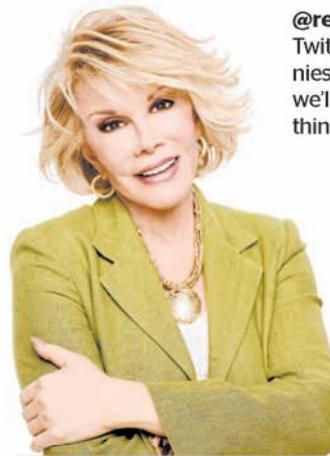
Katniss is added to the fictional Twitter feed of my dreams along with Ellen Ripley, Buffy Summers, Hermione Granger and Beatrix Kiddo. These are women of action. Women who aren't frozen by fear and prone to quiet passivity. These are women who would send a shiver down the Terminator's spine and earn an impressed smirk from John McClane. These are the type of women I want to read about.

I want my girls to be self-confident and clever—not consumed with finding a boyfriend. I like my heroines physically and emotionally strong, interesting and smart. Pretty novel, huh? (Pun intended.)

Let's hope the popularity of the "Hunger Games" series is indicative of the direction young adult fiction is heading. More heroines like Katniss Everdeen, less like Bella Swan. More girls embracing their wits and kicking ass, less moping and texting.

KATIE DONBAVAND IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.

FOLLOW THY TWEETS



@redeyechicago has more than 47,000 followers on Twitter, but we're always being asked: Who are the best/funniest/weirdest Twitter accounts to follow? For Follow Friday, we'll give you a couple of ideas. And if you have anyone you think we should feature, send a tweet to **@JessicaGallart**.

@joan_rivers

For whatever reason you love her or hate her or hate to love her, she's got to be the funniest 78-year-old on Twitter—and the hippest. Does your grandma know who Snooki is? Twitter, if nothing else, shows Joan's still got it.

SAMPLE TWEET: Ashley Olsen says she's retiring from acting. Question: How can you retire from something you've never actually done before?



@FilterCafe

You know that coffee shop on Milwaukee Avenue where you and your MacBook pro go to hang out, sip coffee and do God knows what? Well, it's also on Twitter. **@FilterCafe** tweets more than responses to disgruntled customers and daily specials—it's a place to check out pictures of latte art and special incentives for followers. Also, check out its creative use of speaking in hashtags.

SAMPLE TWEET: **@FilterCafe** does not believe in #decaffeinated #coffee. #justsaying



@kevin_house

His Twitter bio reads: "#chicago bike messenger. Taking pictures. Making bad jokes. Letting down my parents." His twit pics range from interesting graffiti to random Chicago scenes. His general Chicago observations are LOL-able. And, let's face it, he's been begging to get on our #FFF page for weeks.

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A meteorologist for AccuWeather has a theory for the recent Midwest heat wave: Japanese tsunami debris.

All signs point to change

'Eamus Catuli' building owner may not bring back reminder of Cubs' futility

Chicago Tribune

A familiar Wrigleyville staple recalling the Cubs' futile past may itself be a thing of the past.

The well-known "Eamus Catuli" sign and nearby numbers high atop the Lakeview Baseball Club building beyond Wrigley Field's right-field wall have been taken down as part of rooftop repairs, and the numbers may not be back.

Mark Schlenker, part of the ownership group that bought the building and business out of bankruptcy in January, said Thursday that while "Eamus Catuli" likely will return, the numbers marking the years since the Cubs last won a division, pennant and World Series are being reconsidered.

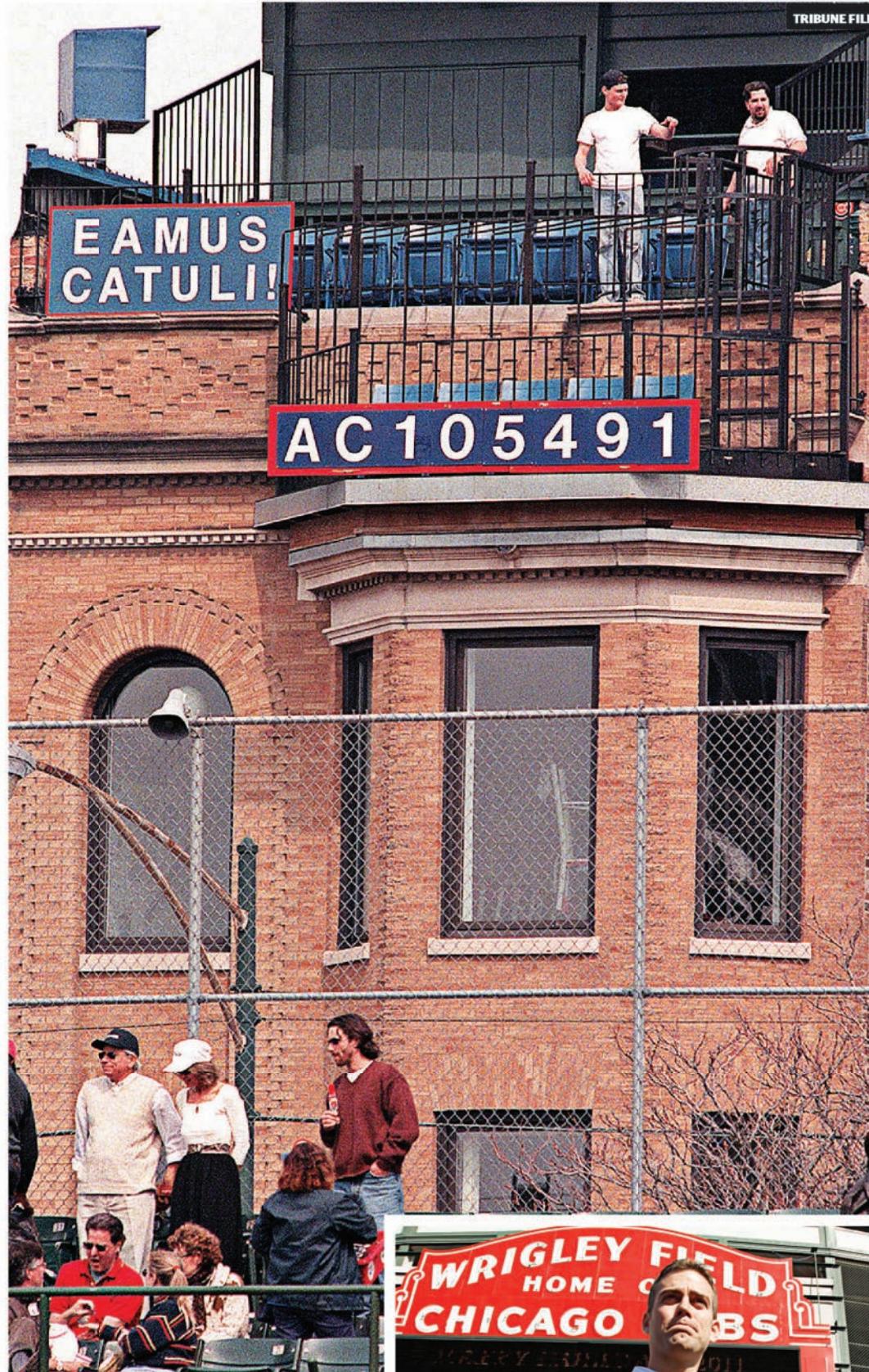
"As the new owner, I respect the tradition of Wrigley Field," Schlenker said. "At the same time, I'm also open to new ideas. Someone presented to me that the sign shows futility and perhaps we need to put the past behind us and go forward."

When asked if that someone was within the Cubs organization, Schlenker would not say, though he did acknowledge that he has spoken with someone from the team about the sign.

"I'm seeking input from the public and the Cubs as to the importance and value of the numerical part of the sign," Schlenker said. "'Eamus Catuli,' we're definitely going to use that phrase. But we'd like to get feedback from fans whether we need to erase this reminder of the past and focus on the future."

A spokesman for the Ricketts family, which owns the team, said he did not believe the organization had asked Schlenker to remove the sign.

Eamus Catuli is a loose translation from Latin meaning "Let's go, little bears." Nearby are the letters AC and a sequence of six digits that change each year, two each for the number of years since the last Cubs division title, pennant and World Series win. The "AC" stands for "in the year of the Cubs," previous building owner Bob Racky told the Tribune in 1999.



HOT DATE

APRIL 5

That's when the Cubs open their first season under new team president Theo Epstein at home against the Washington Nationals.

Epstein
PHIL VELASQUEZ/
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EXPRESS LINES

» University of Illinois President Michael Hogan resigned Thursday, two weeks after he had been asked by school officials to repair his fraying relationship with the faculty.

» One of two people shot by an off-duty police detective on the West Side has died, while the other person has been charged with assault, officials said.

» Thursday marked the city's ninth straight day of breaking or tying record high temperatures.

» A Cicero man has been arrested for arson on charges he set fire to an apartment on the Southwest Side in January, killing a 60-year man who lived in an adjoining unit, federal officials said Thursday. **TRIBUNE**

THE DIGIT

\$3.8M

This isn't good: Chicago State University cannot locate \$3.8 million worth of equipment, The Associated Press reports, including 950 computers that might contain confidential information. That's according to a state audit released Thursday. The audit also found problems with scholarship awards.

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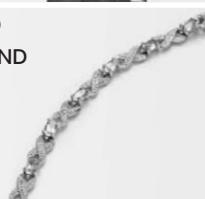
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Chicagoans to rally behind slain Florida teen

By Leonor Vivanco

REDEYE

Two downtown marches have been organized for Friday as a peaceful sign of support for the family of Trayvon Martin, the unarmed 17-year-old who was shot and killed last month in Florida.

Marchers are encouraged to wear hoodies just like Martin wore when he was walking home from a convenience store and fatally shot Feb. 26 by neighborhood watch captain George Zimmerman, who has not been charged. Both marches are intended to be calm, civil and peaceful, organizers said.

The Justice for Trayvon march is scheduled to start at 3 p.m. by the Bean in Millennium Park and head to State and Lake streets near the ABC News studios, said organizer Mikael Abdullah, 30, who grew up in East Chatham and now lives in Hammond, Ind.

"Growing up, I lost so many of my friends to gun violence and gangs and it just sickens me," he said. "It does not matter the color of the finger that pulls the trigger. It doesn't matter, it's so wrong and we need to stop that. We are there and we support them and we support our children, and we are tired of los-



Tracy Martin, father of Trayvon Martin, speaks at a rally in Sanford, Fla., on Thursday. MCT

ing our children. It's nonsense."

He said he was inspired to organize a march, which on Thursday had about 100 RSVPs on Facebook, after he signed the family's online petition at change.org urging the state's attorney in Florida to investigate and prosecute Zimmerman for the shooting death of Martin.

Another march, at 7 p.m. Friday, will begin

at the ABC News studios at State and Lake and head to Millennium Park, said organizer Keinika Carlton, 29, a customer service rep who lives in Hyde Park.

She said she created the Chicago Million Hoodie March in honor of Martin to raise awareness of the injustice of the case and to pressure authorities to investigate the shooting.

Governor appoints task force

Florida Gov. Rick Scott appointed a task force Thursday to investigate the shooting death of unarmed teenager Trayvon Martin as calls grew for charges to be filed against the neighborhood watch volunteer who killed him. Also, the state prosecutor who had been handling the investigation will step aside from the probe, Scott said in a statement. Earlier Thursday, the police chief of Sanford, Fla., the town where Martin was killed, announced he would temporarily step down from his job. REUTERS

"This young man was shot unlawfully and he shouldn't have been," Carlton said. "It's crazy for someone to be deemed suspicious because they're wearing a hoodie."

The march, in which 250 people on Facebook said Thursday they planned to attend, is merely a sign of unity, she said.

"We are standing with them and we are in support of whatever they may need," Carlton, a mother of two girls, ages 2 and 8, said.

"It's heartbreaking, I'm sure, to that mother and father."

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A sculpture in Lincoln Park resembles a "Hunger Games" symbol.

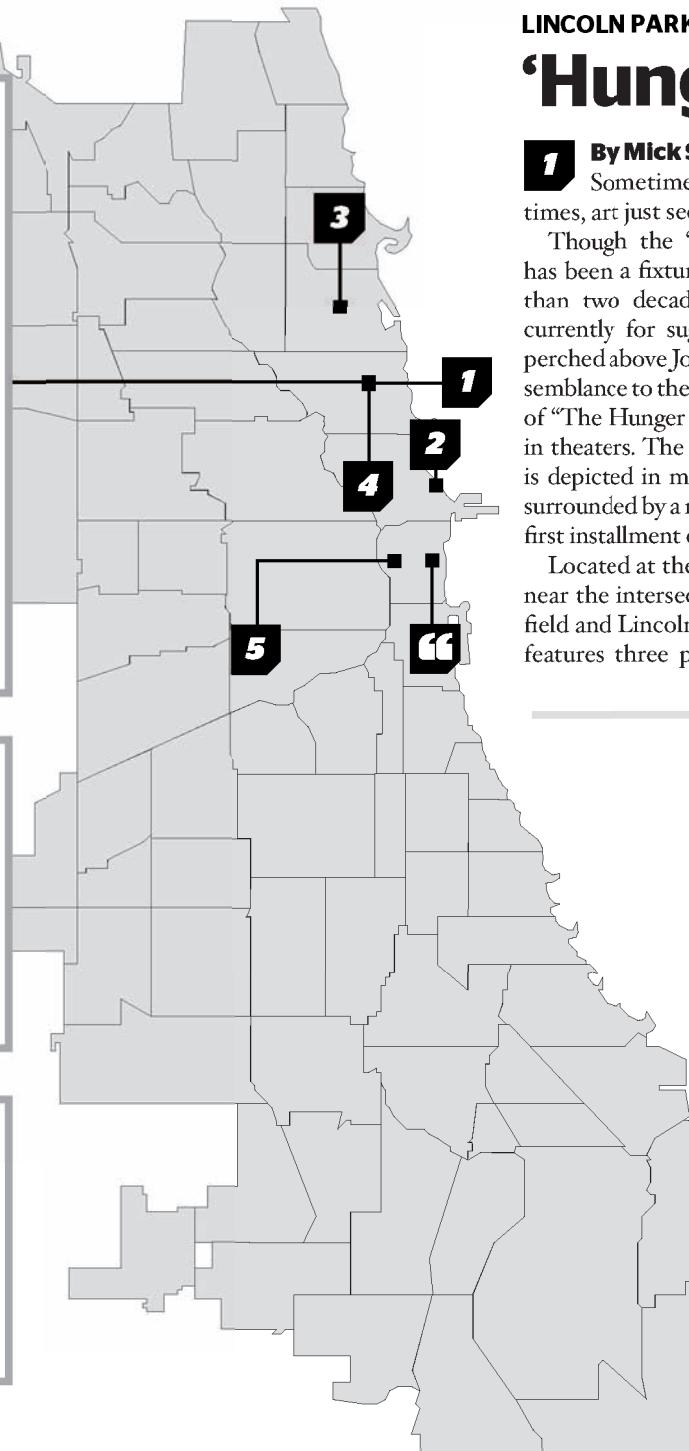
CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT PHOTO

SOUTH LOOP NATO visitors heading to Soldier Field

The White House has released a few details about plans to entertain dignitaries during the May meetings of NATO in Chicago. They include a dinner at Soldier Field and a trip to the South Side with first lady Michelle Obama.

THE DIGIT 8,500

The city of Chicago has agreed to buy more than 8,500 new face shields for police helmets in preparation for the May NATO conference.



LINCOLN PARK

'Hunger Games' in real life?

1 **By Mick Swasko | REDEYE**

Sometimes, life imitates art. Other times, art just seems to mirror pop culture.

Though the "Eagle Columns" sculpture has been a fixture in Lincoln Park for more than two decades, one could be forgiven currently for suggesting the abstract birds perched above Jonquil Park seem to bear a resemblance to the iconic "Mockingjay" symbol of "The Hunger Games," opening this week in theaters. The fictional, sharp-beaked bird is depicted in metal clutching an arrow and surrounded by a ring on the book cover of the first installment of the teen adventure trilogy.

Located at the northwest end of the park near the intersection of Wrightwood, Sheffield and Lincoln avenues, "Eagle Columns" features three prominent birds on bronze

columns. The largest of the bunch seems to hold a long-narrow rod, not unlike the Mockingjay, featured on some of the covers of "The Hunger Games" trilogy as well as the poster for the movie.

"Eagle Columns"—installed in 1989 by Richard Hunt—commemorates Illinois politician John Peter Altgeld and poet Vachel Lindsay. According to the Chicago Park District's description of the work, Altgeld virtually ruined his political career by pardoning three men in 1893 who were believed to have been responsible for Chicago's Haymarket Riot in 1886. The description credits a poem published by Lindsay decades later that shifted public opinion in favor of Altgeld's forgiveness of the men.

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2 RIVER NORTH Filming slated for downtown

Residents of a River North condo building on North Franklin Street and West Institute Place were warned Tuesday that an NBC pilot will be filming on the corner Saturday through Monday. In all likelihood, the pilot is NBC's firefighter drama "Chicago Fire."

3 LAKEVIEW New location, same strategy

Bleeding Heart Bakery has moved its Lakeview location to 1351 W. Belmont Ave. The opening is expected in about two weeks. The focus will remain on sustainable, locally sourced, organic food, owners say.

4 LINCOLN PARK Gorilla moves to suburban zoo

JoJo the silverback gorilla is making moves. The animal is leaving Lincoln Park Zoo for a place in Brookfield Zoo, The Associated Press reports. Officials hope he mates once he gets there.

5 WEST LOOP Winfrey network poised to take a hit

Researcher SNL Kagan reports that the Oprah Winfrey Network may lose \$142.9 million this year. The network, part of Discovery Communications, has been struggling with weak ratings and just last week canceled Rosie O'Donnell's show.



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— Part of a lawsuit filed by a Chicago bicyclist who has sued the city, claiming the grooved metal decking of the LaSalle Street bridge caused him to fall off his bike, and that a city consultant's report from 2004 said the city should resurface the bridge to make it safer for bike riders.



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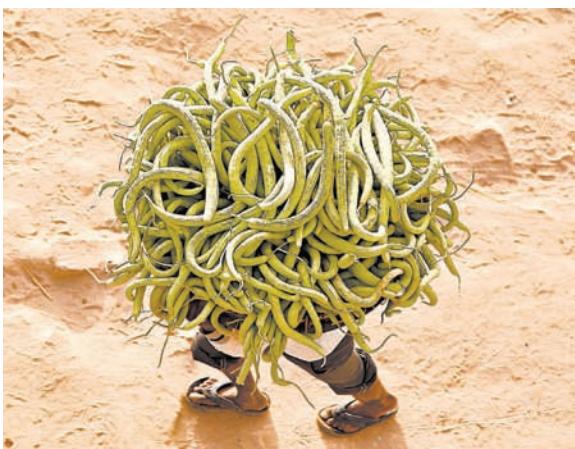
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1 In a pickle

A farmer carries cucumbers from his field to sell in the markets Thursday in Allahabad, India. **REUTERS PHOTOS**


2 Burning fuel

A student walks past burning tires in Makassar, Indonesia, during a protest against the government's plans to raise fuel prices Thursday. The government has planned to raise fuel prices by at least one-third.


3 Police strike

A policeman strikes AFP photojournalist Patricia Melo during the Portuguese general strike Thursday. Portugal faces a general strike by workers angered by austerity measures.

Rutgers bully apologizes in gay suicide case

4 Dharun Ravi, convicted of hate crimes for using a webcam to spy on his Rutgers University roommate's gay encounter, apologized publicly for the first time to the young man's family, saying, "I didn't hate Tyler."

After being offered a plea deal with no jail time, Ravi, 20, took a gamble by going to trial in a case that put a national spotlight on gay bullying and teen suicide. The roommate, Tyler Clementi, killed himself three days after learning his sexual tryst was seen by webcam.

Ravi's conviction last week on all 15 counts, including bias intimidation, means he faces 10 years in prison at his May 21 sentencing. Ravi, who invited others to watch the feed from the camera, was not charged with causing Clementi's death.

"I'm never going to regret not taking the plea," Ravi told the Newark Star-Ledger in an interview published Thursday.

"If I took the plea, I would have had to testify that I did what I did to intimidate Tyler and that would be a lie. I won't ever get up there and tell the world I hated Tyler because he was gay, or tell the world I was trying to hurt or intimidate him because it's not true," he said.

Ravi said he used a camera mounted on his computer in their freshman dorm room to see Clementi and an older man, identified only as M.B., kissing only because he was



Dharun Ravi, a former Rutgers University student, leaves a New Brunswick, N.J., courtroom March 15. Ravi was convicted of hate crimes against his roommate, Tyler Clementi, who committed suicide in 2010. **REUTERS**

worried by the man's scruffy appearance.

Three days after the webcam incident, Clementi, 18, jumped off the George Washington Bridge on Sept. 22, 2010.

"I'm very sorry about Tyler," Ravi told the Star-Ledger. "I want the Clementis to know I had no problem with their son. I didn't hate Tyler and I know he was OK with me."

5 Obama vows pipeline will be reviewed

President Obama said Thursday morning during an appearance in Cushing, Okla., that his administration has assured the builder of the Keystone pipeline that the federal government will promptly review the southern leg of the project, which the company hopes to start building this summer.

6 Standoff ends in France shooter's death

The 23-year-old man who police say is behind a string of fatal shootings that horrified France died Thursday in a hail of gunfire, leaving behind injured police officers and "explicit" videos of his previous attacks. Mohamed Merah can no longer do any harm, French President Nicolas Sarkozy announced to the nation.

7 Sergeant faces 17 Afghan murder charges

U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Robert Bales, accused of killing Afghan civilians including women and children in a shooting rampage in Kandahar province last week, will be charged with 17 counts of murder, a U.S. official said Thursday. Bales, 38, a four-tour combat veteran, is being held at a military detention center in Kansas.

8 Coroner: Houston died of drowning

Whitney Houston died of accidental drowning due to the effects of cocaine use and heart disease, a Los Angeles County coroner's spokesman said Thursday. Houston, 48, was found dead in the bathtub of her Beverly Hills hotel room Feb. 12.


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6-2-1 and finished just three points out of a playoff spot.

Given the way they closed the season, the Fire have high hopes for 2012. And the man who plays a key part in that is 23-year-old goalkeeper Sean Johnson.

Now entering his third season, Johnson has had his ups and downs. He lost his starting job briefly last season. But he's also seen as one of the best young goalies in America, playing on the U-23 national team and spending a week training with U.S. Olympic starting goalie Tim Howard with his Premier League team in Everton.

While Johnson had very little time off during the offseason, he's ready to assume his spot in goal for the Fire, but first he'll be competing with the U.S. team for Olympic qualifying. He'll miss the Fire's home opener Saturday at Toyota Park and will next be available to the team April 15.

Johnson talked to RedEye recently about his development, losing his starting job and his busy offseason.

This is your third season in the league. Do you feel you have more of a perspective on what to expect this year?

I think I have more of a perspective on how to approach the year is a better way to put it. Playing in the league for two years has been a valuable experience. It's going to be up to me to put it all together in my third year, to attack the season and get the guys out to a



good start on the right foot. The last couple seasons we've started a little bit slow, so I think it's going to be a test for us to get started on the right foot and get going quickly.

As you mentioned, the Fire had a rough start last season. What was the key to turning it around?

Just working as a team as a whole and focusing on the team aspect is what made us successful. Getting back to the basic things that drove our team to win games, and we got better as a group. When we got back to those things, we were true to ourselves and started to win games.

Sean Johnson makes a save against New England last season.
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You got to spend a week with Tim Howard. What did you guys talk about?

Honestly, pretty much everything. We got to touch on all bases. We talked about normal life as well as life on the field. He's a normal person so we just kind of connected on that level. I was able to get a perspective on what it was like to play at that level, what it takes on and off the field. Just being around him and being able to experience things he does on his daily activities was good. He's very professional and carries himself in a very good manner. It was a good experience for me to be around him to learn and to make myself a better player.

You've been able to play soccer around the world, and looking at soccer in America it seems like it's becoming more and more popular. Do you notice that?

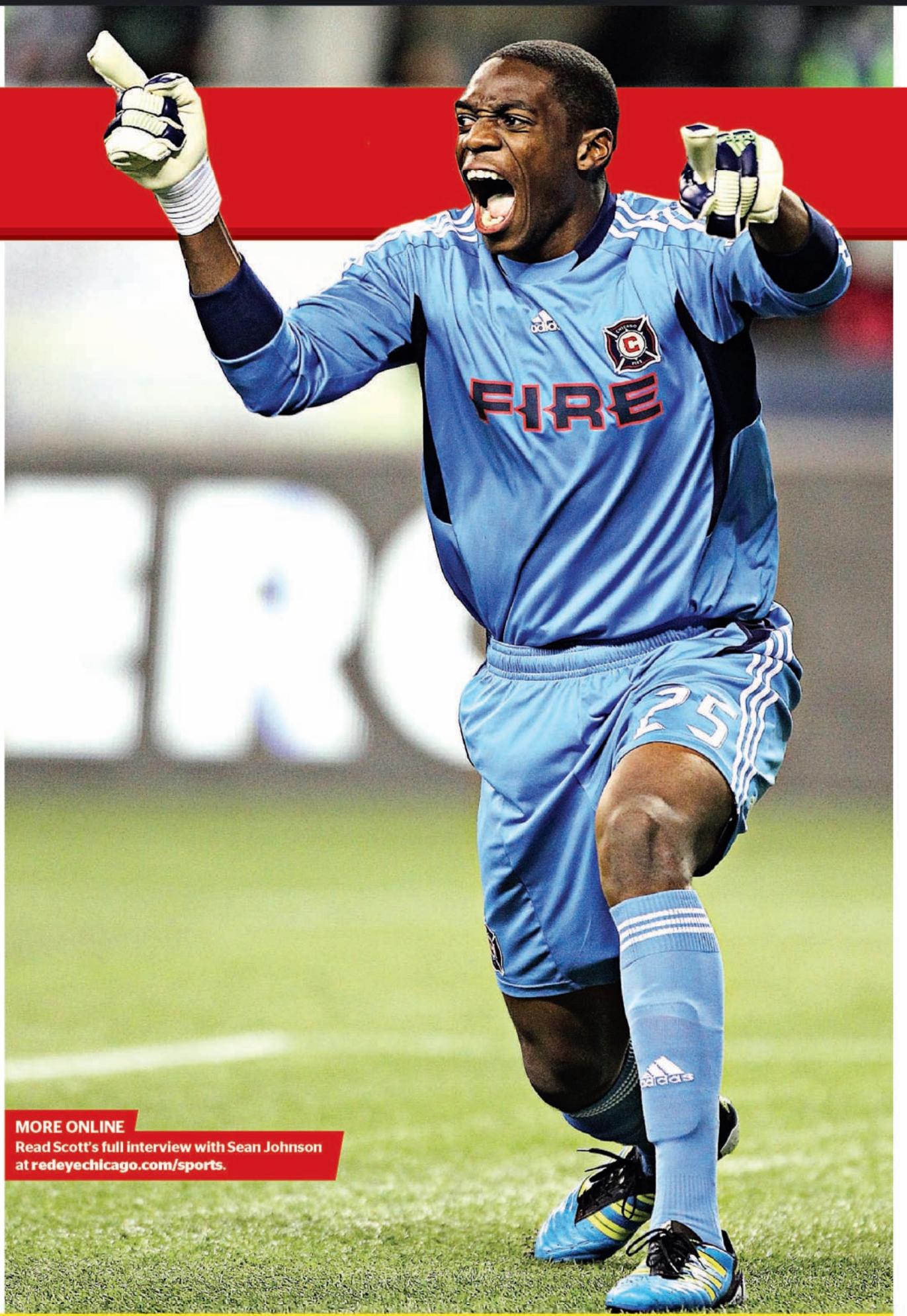
Yeah. You play in different situations whether in a different league or in Germany or different national teams and just getting those experiences is very valuable. Especially being able to train with a Premier League team. I think it's the best league in the world and it's a great environment to be in to make yourself better. Soccer here in America has come a long way. We're getting to a point where we're competing with teams all around the world. All the guys who have been in the league past and present feel like the league is getting stronger and stronger. It's been great for me to experience different things and be back here in Chicago.

What was the highlight of your non-soccer offseason?

I got some time to myself and spent some time with the family. I had some time to go back home for Christmas and to spend the holiday with them was special and I got to spend a week and a half with my family. It's always good to get that time.

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“ Soccer here in America has come a long way. We're getting to a point where we're competing with teams all around the world.”



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» Northwestern athletic director Jim Phillips brings back basketball coach Bill Carmody and his staff for a 13th season.

Rookies fired up for home opener

Chicago Tribune

Fire rookie Austin Berry already has had a pretty good sampling of the Toyota Park fan experience.

"I've been up to [watch at least one] Fire game a year," said Berry, a former Fire Premier team member and a 2012 first-round draft pick from Louisville. "I know—or at least I have a good picture—of what the atmosphere is like

from the stands. It's great."

For fellow first-year player Hunter Jumper, Saturday night's opener will be a new experience as the Fire kick off their 15th home season, and seventh at Toyota Park, against Philadelphia.

"It's going to be pretty exciting to see what the atmosphere is like," said Jumper, a defender and second-round draft pick from Virginia. "We got to see the Section 8 [supporters' group] fans when we've been traveling. Now we'll actually get to see them at a home game."

"[Teammates] told me we have some of the craziest fans in the league, which is a good thing."

Berry and Jumper may not see much action Saturday. Still, it'll be a thrill finally to take to the pitch in front of a friendly—and sometimes boisterous—crowd.

"You always love playing in front of your home fans," Berry said. "There's a lot of energy in the city and with the fan support about this season. I know they're excited for this first game and that same excitement is with me and the team."

The Fire are 8-3-3 in all-time home debuts. A team official said ticket sales hovered around 17,000 on Thursday, with a sellout of 20,000 possibly within reach.

Both Berry and Jumper have settled in both with their team and a new city home. Berry and Jumper are roommates along with midfielder Tony Walls in a South Loop apartment.

"It has been a smooth transition from college to the pros," Jumper said. "The atmosphere in the locker room is just incredible [and so is] the character of the guys."



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1 What might be different when the Bulls and Toronto play a second straight time Saturday?	I might care. Then again, I know I won't.	Encores are always better than the original in Raptours.	On appeal, they'll once again rule from the Bench Mob.	This time the Bulls will wear the puke-inducing uniforms.	Well, it's in Chicago, so actual people will be there to watch.
2 The Final Four is set this weekend. What are the chances your bracket survives?	All depends on Kansas. They win, I'm alive. They lose, I'm knee-deep in bourbon and hookers.	Ohio is my battleground state, as Columbus intended.	My bracket could be an extra on "The Walking Dead."	My "Cheesehead Apocalypse" bracket (Marquette-Kentucky-Wisconsin-North Carolina) is looking good.	I've got Sparty and Kentucky advancing; the rest blew out last weekend. Still in it.
3 Why wouldn't Shaka Smart want to coach the Illinois basketball team?	The false assumption that top recruits won't go there. Didn't stop Bill Self from assembling talent.	Illinois is not an Etch-a-Sketch. He doesn't want to want to Shaka it up.	He'd rather be a big fish in small pond than a flounder.	He asked for unlimited Jarling's Custard Cup and was denied. LOCAL REFERENCE, Y'ALL.	No guts, no glory, Shaka. I think you should be a VCU Ram for life.
4 What's Sean Payton going to do on his yearlong exile from the NFL?	Watch classic films "Mutiny on the Bounty," "Bounty Hunter," "Bounty" and "From Justin to Kelly."	Target practice.	Go fishin' with Brett Favre. Awkward ...	Simulate a couple dozen seasons on "Madden," drink beer, grow a beard. The usual.	Explaining to his wife just how much friggin' money \$6 million is.
5 Tim Tebow + New York City = _____.	Oxymoron.	The city that never sleeps with people.	The Big Snapple.	Jon Voight in "Midnight Cowboy," with less humping. Or perhaps lots more humping.	He can be roommates with Jeremy Lin. Ladies and gentlemen, Timsanity!

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Forte unhappy with team's latest move

RedEye

The animosity hanging between the Bears and running back Matt Forte increased to obviously dangerous levels Thursday when the team signed backup Michael Bush.

After news of Bush's four-year, \$14 million contract with \$7 million guaranteed with the Bears surfaced, Forte took to Twitter to vent. And he was joined by other players, too, online and in interviews.

Why is Forte angry? He is seeking a long-term contract with the Bears, but the team placed the franchise tag on him earlier this month, meaning he will earn \$7.742 million this season.

Here's how the drama all played out.

Matt Forte @MattForte22

- » "There's only so many times a man that has done everything he's been asked to do can be disrespected! Guess the GOOD GUYS do finish last..."
- » "for the record I'm not mad at the signing of another running back. This is 4th time that's happened. I embrace competition as well as help"
- » "But as for not taking care of ur own and undervaluing a player under his market value is another story! #twitterrant"
- » "Just Keeping it real...hate it or love it."

Greg Olsen @GregOlsen82

"If u have a studd 3 down guy like @MattForte22 why keep paying backups big \$ every yr? Crazy!! Matt deserves better"

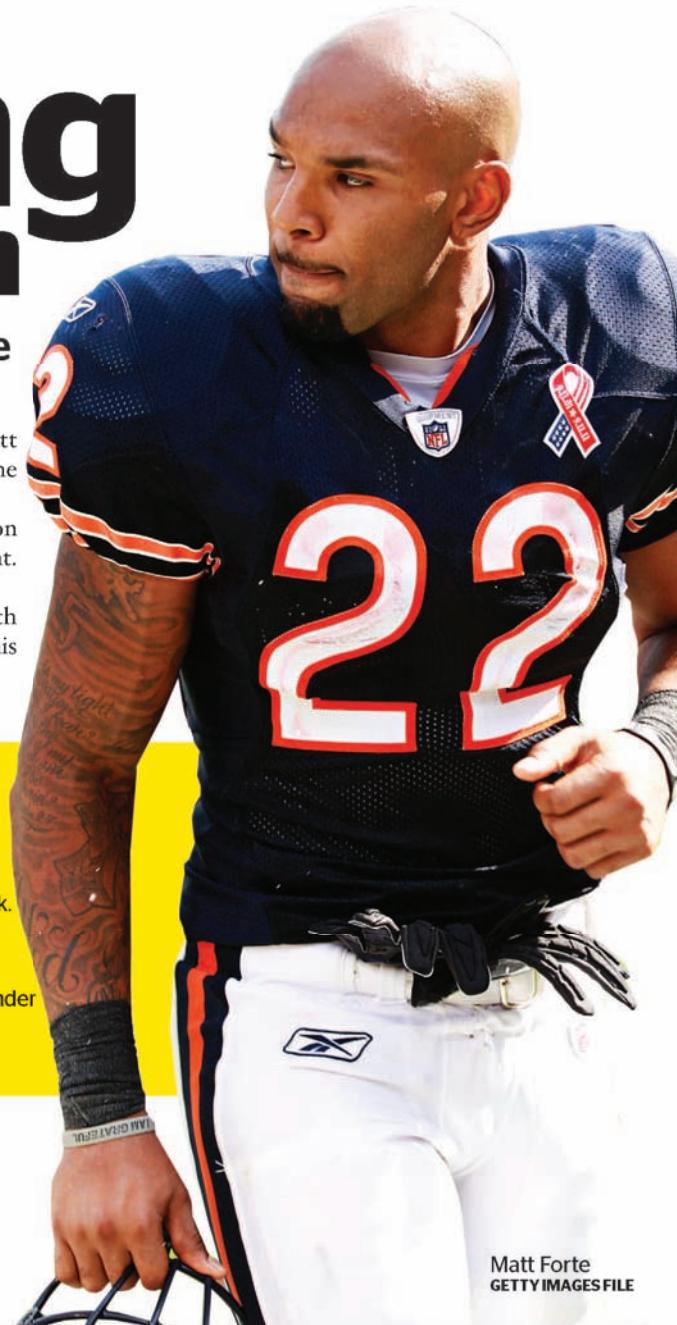
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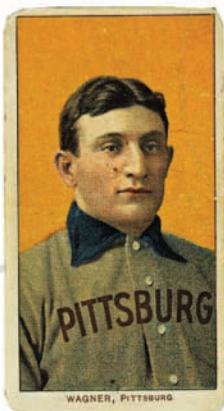


Michael Bush During a conference call with reporters

"I can understand where the guy is coming from. He's been everything they've asked for. As a player myself, I've been through an injury. We drafted Darren McFadden with the Raiders. It was one of those things you want to be rewarded for your success. I understand. It has nothing to do with me."



Matt Forte
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It's a 'Star Wars' Slaughter

Take Professional Indoor Football team the Chicago Slaughter. Add "Star Wars" night. And voila, you have an evening of awesome. That's what fans will get at 7 p.m. March 31, when the Slaughter play the Bloomington Edge. "Star Wars" characters will be available for photos, there will be "Star Wars"-related in-game promotions and a costume contest, among others. May the force be with you.

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Get a slice of Punk pizza

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It's time for Illinois basketball to get dirty



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I'm afraid, Illinois college basketball fans, that it's come to this.

It's time to go all-in. Or, put another way, time to go all-scumbag.

Look, we just got turned down by Shaka Smart because he was actually afraid to come here and recruit out of Chicago.

Hey, if he's afraid, we don't want him. But we need someone. We need

... that guy.

Oh, he's out there. I don't have a name, but I'll describe him for you. He's slick. Dresses real nice. Great, great talker. Excellent salesman. And he'll promise you everything. His public image will be one of character and integrity, but behind the scenes at functions we don't attend he'll be commonly referred to as ... a "scumbag."

I'm thinking a real John Calipari type. Heck, it might even be John Calipari. He'll have it all. The shoe contracts, the relationships with AAU coaches, all sorts of NBA connections, you name it.

"Oh no," Illini fans say. "That's not us. We don't do that. We don't want winning and notoriety and exposure or anything that bad. We're all about winning with honor. Hey, if we're not successful, at least we're clean!"

Yeah, that's workin' really well for you.

First off, don't lie to me. I see you standing in the corner, watching the tournament games on TV, quietly wondering "Man, where did that team come from?"

You know how they did it. And you're going to do it too.

And remember, it doesn't take much, just one or two players. Imagine if any Illinois school got Derrick Rose, even for one year. That's an NCAA title game right there—and you're off to the races.

Until the sanctions hit, but don't worry about that. Oh, I'll find him. What I'm also trying to find is that special feeling I should have for the Bulls.

I should have it; I don't. I don't know why.

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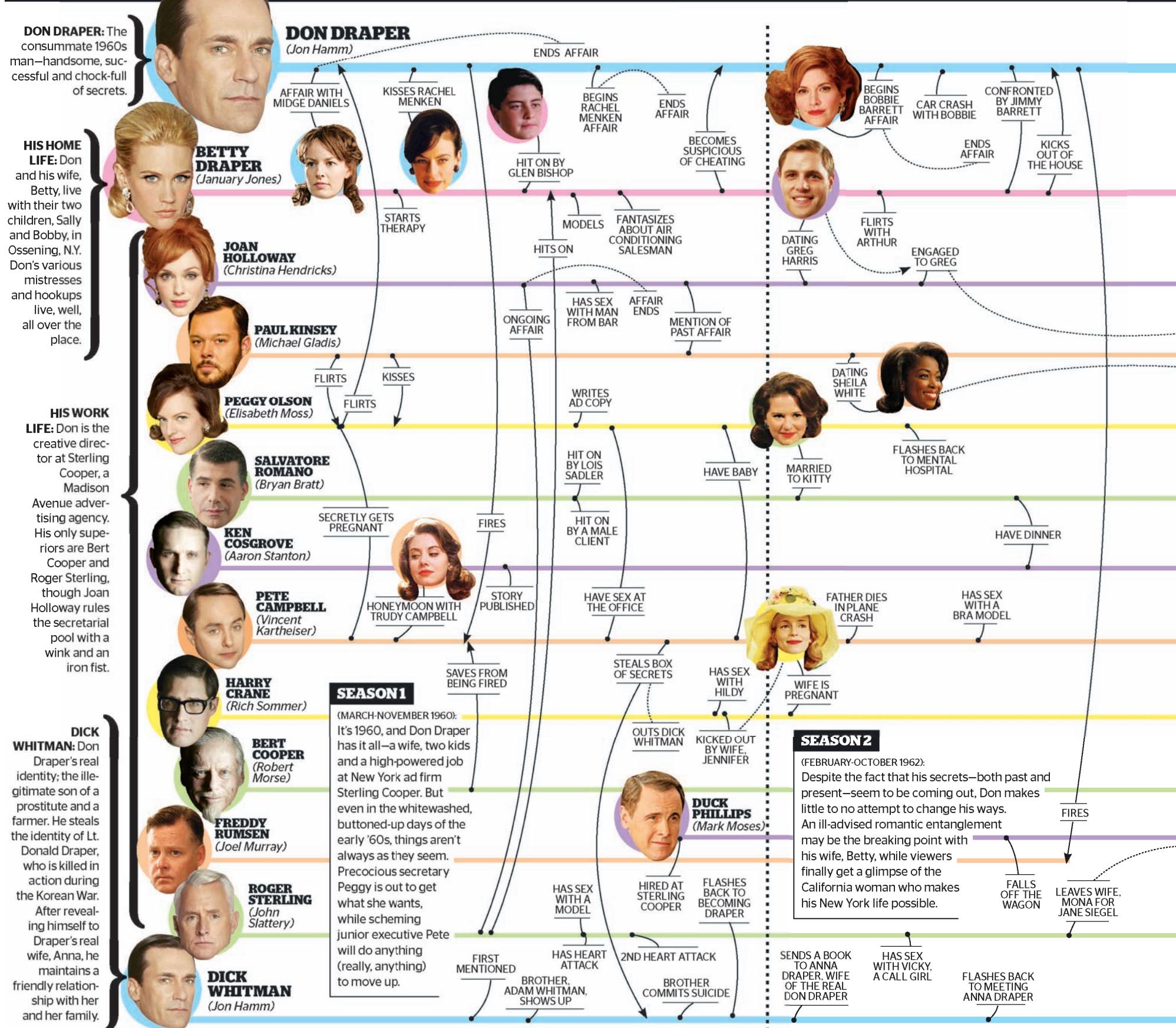
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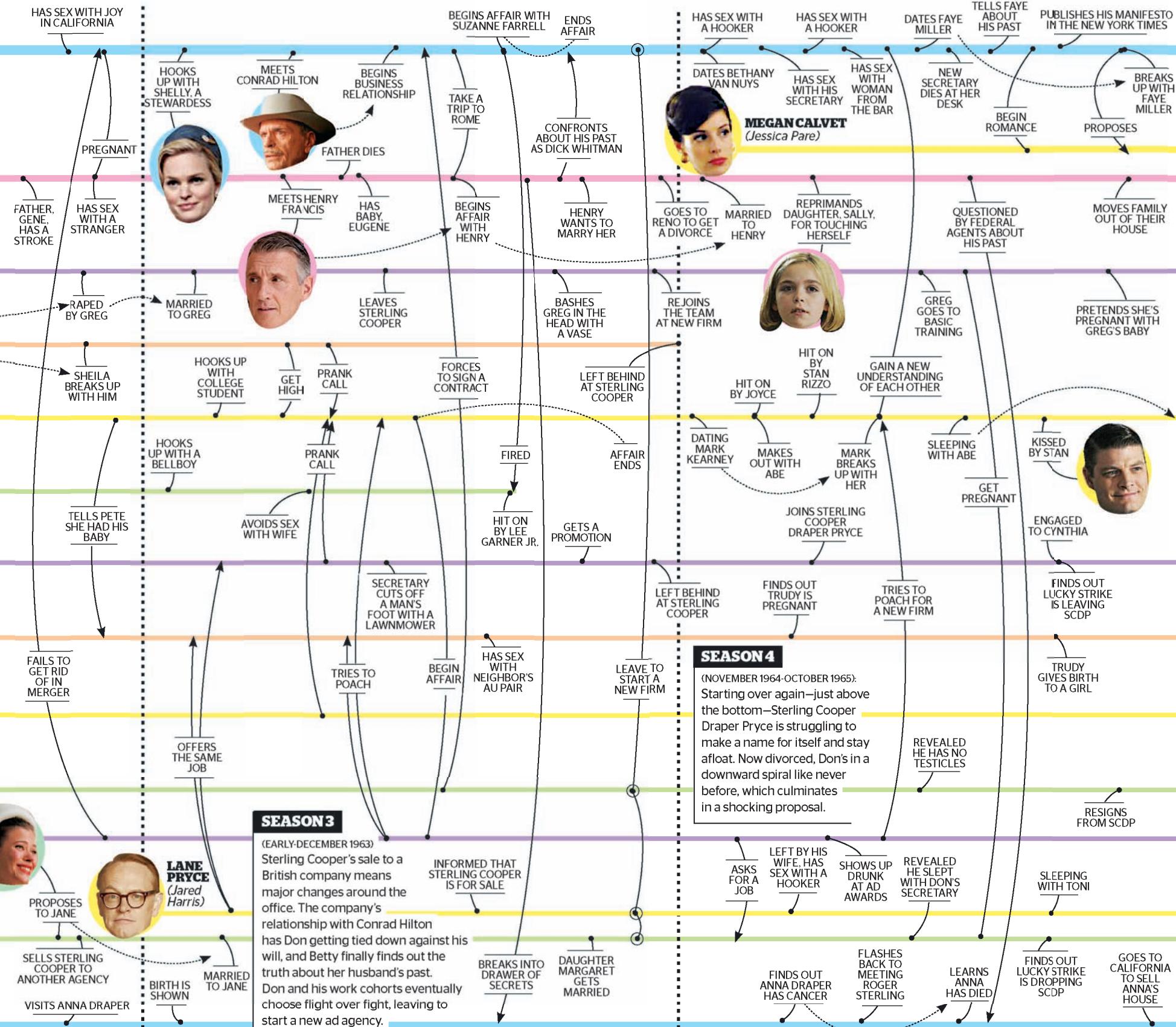
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'MAD'

By Dana Moran | REDEYE

It's been a long, rough 17 months for "Mad Men" fans. After waiting on pins and needles through contract squabbles between AMC and the show's creator, Matthew Weiner, our favorite ad man is back. "Mad Men" was AMC's first original drama series, and it brought the goods, delivering 1.2 million viewers for its premiere in July 2007.

We've been asked by Weiner himself not to reveal much about "A Little Kiss," the two-hour Season 5 premiere airing at 8 p.m. Sunday, so we thought we'd look back instead. In the 52 episodes and four seasons since the beginning, the show has held itself to high standards of historical accuracy and storytelling. DAMORAN@TRIBUNE.COM | [@REDEYEDANA](http://REDEYEDANA)



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Cast of 'Mad Men'

'Mad Men' returns to great expectations

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The second-story patio overlooking the pool at the Langham Hotel in L.A. has a strict no-smoking policy, but it was recently lifted for a party featuring the cast of "Mad Men," many of whom smoke as much off-camera as they do on the show. No hotel employee was going to keep them from lighting up.

Viewers may not be as obliging Sunday when the four-time Emmy-winning drama returns after a 17-month hiatus with numerous questions hanging in the air. Will Don Draper find happiness in his new marriage? Did Joan keep her baby? Will Peggy finally get some R-E-S-P-E-C-T? Most important: Does anyone still care?

Based solely on the excitement at this cocktail party, the answer was an emphatic yes. Jon Hamm, who plays Draper, was in such demand that a flock of reporters had him pinned against the balcony rail.

But rabid TV lovers with a couple of glasses of wine in them don't necessarily reflect the general audience, many of whom have switched their allegiance to the determined zombies of "The Walking Dead" and the even more determined staff at "Downton Abbey."

"It is presumptuous to wait more than a year and expect your audience to come back," said actor John Slattery, who has earned four Emmy nominations for his role as glib advertising executive Roger Sterling. "My nose was out of joint when 'The Sopranos' was off for more than a year. I was like, 'Who in the hell do they think they are?'"

You can direct your irritation toward AMC and creator Matthew Weiner, whose contract dispute delayed the season. Weiner said he decided to do a two-hour premiere because "I have been worried about [the long gap] the whole time."

"I want people to see it already and I am excited that they seem to be excited," Weiner said, explaining the longer premiere "was a calculated desire to give the audience a bigger, better, super-sized dose of the show and get them into it right away. And also to say, 'I value you.'"

One advantage Weiner and his writing staff have is that we have gotten to know these characters—or at least as much as you can know in a show that's largely about people putting up walls.

Vincent Kartheiser, who plays the ambitious Pete Campbell, said this fifth season builds on our history with these people, leading to new, eye-opening discoveries.

"Matthew has continued to find relatable stories without jumping the shark," he said. "You don't want to reach too far into the bag of tricks. He's found things that could and should happen organically, but still be unexpected."

Slattery said the cast understands that some fans will think "Well, it's not what it used to be."

"But I think that just means that everyone has worked harder," Slattery said. "I think this will be the best season yet."

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Joan and Peggy are coming back, and they're bringing Marilyn and Jackie.

"Mad Men" returns Sunday for a new season, 525 days since Christina Hendricks' Joan rounded the corner of Sterling Cooper Draper Pryce in a jewel-toned sheath dress.

As "Mad Men" costume designer Janie Bryant says, "It's all about the bust, waist, hips." We noticed.

Bryant said she imagined Joan as a woman whose fashion icons were Sophia Loren, Jayne Mansfield and, of course, Marilyn Monroe. "Those women understood that fitted clothing looks best on them. It accentuates their assets, if you will," Bryant said with a laugh.

Peggy Olson (Elisabeth Moss) already has evolved out of the little-girl outfits she wore in the first two seasons as she rose from secretary to copywriter at Sterling Cooper.

"We really see Peggy progress the most in terms of story and costume design," Bryant said.

So Bryant, who won an Emmy for her work on "Mad Men," put Peggy in polka dots, plaids and Peter Pan collars, what she calls the "ultimate schoolgirl" look. By last season, though, Peggy was wearing suits and smart dresses.

AMC is being tight-lipped about how

much time has elapsed when Season 5 begins, but Season 4 ended in late 1965. In the next few months and years, runways, sidewalks and office buildings exploded with change.

Someone with a front-row seat to that change was Jane Maas, author of the new tell-all biography "Mad Women." Maas, whose career took her from copywriter to creative director and agency president, is a real-life version of Peggy Olson. She entered the advertising world at Ogilvy & Mather in 1964.

"It was the Jackie Kennedy era. Every woman wanted to look like Jackie. Not a hair was out of place. We wore those swingy coats," she said.

But things were about to change, and the first sign was the miniskirt. David Ogilvy put out a memo to his staff that the skirts weren't allowed, Maas said, but he eventually gave up.

As new trends rolled in, it was copywriters who took chances with fashion.

"I wanted to make a statement that I was creative. That was important inside the agency and for my clients," she said. So when and if "Mad Men" hits the late '60s, it may be Moss, not Hendricks, whose character we can expect to wear a miniskirt or pants into the office.

Bryant, of course, can't say whether she has

THE NEW 'MAD MEN' YEARS IN FASHION

1965 London designer introduces the miniskirt to America at NYC "Youthquake" fashion event.



1966 Yves Saint Laurent debuts his black velvet pantsuit for women, Le Smoking.

1967 Twiggy, the face of the Mod movement, appears on the cover of Vogue.

« Christina Hendricks as Joan on "Mad Men."



a pair of go-go boots in Peggy's size stashed in her trailer. "No matter what, she is still pretty buttoned-up," Bryant said. "That is really where that character comes from."

Bryant, who has clothes for her characters custom-made if she can't find them, released her second "Mad Men"-inspired line at Banana Republic for spring.

"The classic shape that I love for most figures is the sheath," Bryant said. For women who like separates, check out the pants, designed from a pair January Jones wore on the show—"Betty Draper's classic cigarette pant."

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Bubble trouble

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If you spend more than a few minutes picking out your beer, you've probably seen the words on a label or two: bottle-conditioned.

But what is it? And why do some well-loved breweries swear by the practice (Sierra Nevada) while others don't touch it (Lagunitas)?

Bottle-conditioning—also known as refermentation—is quite simple. It amounts to bottling beer while still flat with a last-minute addition of yeast and sugar. In the bottle, the yeast eats the sugar, creating carbon dioxide—better known as bubbles. (The process also can take place in a can, but is less common and more difficult to pull off.)

Most American breweries carbonate much more simply: by forcing carbon dioxide into the beer as one of the last steps before packaging.

But bottle-conditioning is considered a more natural method of carbonating, and therefore creates "a finer, silkier texture of carbonation, superior foam retention, more complex flavors, longer shelf life and better aging ability," according to "The Oxford Companion to Beer."

That's why Ron Jeffries had no question that he would bottle-condition when launching Jolly Pumpkin Artisan Ales in Dexter, Mich., in 2004.

"It was the only way to get the flavors and complexity I was looking for," Jeffries said.

When a batch of beer is to the point when most breweries would inject carbonation, Jeffries spends an hour gently circulating the

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brew through a storage tank while separately adding yeast and sugar. Then he bottles the beer so it can sit to condition.

It's a laborious, time- and space-intensive process, but there also are a few arguments against it. New Chicago brewery Pipeworks, for instance, bottle-conditions most of its brews, but not those with the most hops, reasoning that those beers should be made available while the hops are freshest.

Jeffries, though, would do things no other way.

"Artificially carbonated beer, to me, is just missing some character," he said.

3 BEERS TO TASTE THE BOTTLE TOUCH

Jolly Pumpkin

Most Jolly Pumpkin beers are some combination of bottle-conditioned, barrel-aged and sour. Rarely, if ever, brewed to a specific style, these beers are flavorfully unique and have an intense fan base.

<< Sierra Nevada

Next time you try a ubiquitous pale ale beneath the green label, keep in mind that the beer is bottle-conditioned, as is about half of Sierra's portfolio (including Kellerweis, porter, stout, Celebration Ale, Bigfoot Barleywine and most limited offerings). And the new canned version is can-conditioned.

Belgium

Most Belgian beers are bottle-conditioned, which is why the process is rarely touted on Belgian beer labels. It is no doubt part of what gives many Belgian beers such bright and flavorful profiles (except for Stella Artois, which, not coincidentally, is not bottle-conditioned).



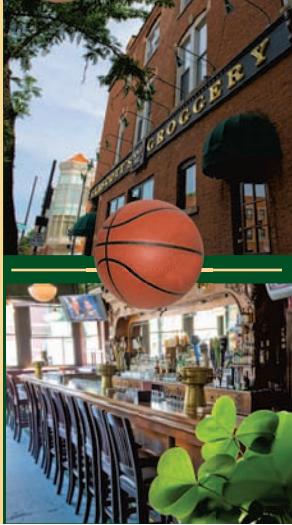
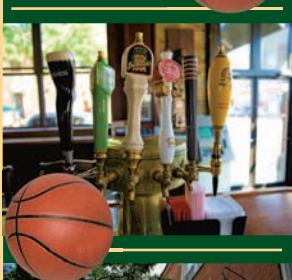
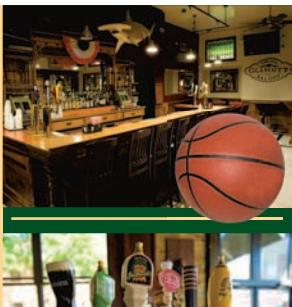


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Mortadella pizza at Nellcote
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HOT PLATES

Storefront Company, Nellcote are off with a delicious bang

The start of spring has brought a crop of fresh restaurant openings, and among the most promising are Storefront Company in Wicker Park and Nellcote in the West Loop. The former comes from a new-to-Chicago chef who has earned praise in smaller cities, while the other is the second project from a chef who's already done his part to impress in this town.

By Kate Bernot

FOR REDEYE

The story: Chef Jared Van Camp knows how to please bar crowds at Old Town Social, but at Nellcote, a new restaurant from the same owners, he's looking to really flex his culinary muscles. The spacious restaurant just opened on Randolph Street's white-hot restaurant row, catering to both foodies and the nightlife crowd with creative cocktails and a European-inspired menu. And as for the name, it's a reference to Villa Nellcote, the French chateau where the Rolling Stones crashed for a summer, and the same glamorous, laissez-faire attitude rules here.

The scene: Like Old Town Social, Nellcote seems to want to be everything to everyone. The main dining room is full of high and low tables, some communal seating, a long (and generally packed) bar and a few plush couches, plus luxe touches such as sparkling chandeliers and framed brocade fabric on the walls. Even on weeknights, well-dressed diners clutching wine glasses are carousing like it's Saturday of a long weekend.

The food: Van Camp is running his own grain mill inside the restaurant, and as far as I've heard, he's the only one in Chicago—and probably the country—to be doing so. Naturally, the servers made a point to mention that freshly milled flour is the star of a deliciously briny manila clam pizza (\$11), as well as a satisfying tagliolini (\$10), long ribbons of pasta tossed with a bright, creamy champagne sauce and small, sweet oysters. White asparagus soup with scallops (\$6)

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Off to a
good start



Tagliolini

and skate wing with grapefruit and braised radishes (\$11) are both surprisingly refined lounge food, but with frazzled (and not especially knowledgeable) servers bringing plates at an erratic pace, it's hard to savor them properly.

The drinks: While some cocktail menus can read like an indecipherable list of ingredients, Nellcote's drinks are named simply by booze, from gin to rye to tequila. Even if you're not a dark spirits drinker, the Bulleit bourbon cocktail with house-made peach preserves and green chartreuse (\$10) will make you a believer. Because Jason Wagner, sommelier of next-door neighbor RM Champagne Salon opening later this spring, also oversees the wine at Nellcote, the glass and bottle lists are lengthy, varied and conducive to splurging. Don't expect many bargains on the Belgian-heavy beer list, either.

Bottom line: Nellcote nails the Rolling Stones' vibe. It's rowdy, sexy and fun, but occasionally tripped up by its members' distractibility. If the servers can learn to play to the same volume that the kitchen is rocking, everything will be in better harmony.



Monkfish with short rib fried rice

By Lisa Arnett

REDEYE

The scene: Wicker Park's newest restaurant has the same owners as Debonair Social Club, but it couldn't be more different. They're both located in the Flat Iron Building, but where Debonair is all black paint, dark dance floors and PBR-clutching scenesters, Storefront Company is white-washed and light-filled. Young couples from the neighborhood dined next to wine-sipping white hairs—perhaps they're loyal Food & Wine magazine subscribers who remember chef Brian Moscatello from his "Best New Chef" accolade, earned in 2003 while working for a Denver restaurant called Adega?

Loved it: Storefront Company is serving "modern farm cuisine," which just sounded to me like another way to describe the seasonal/local approach most chefs have these days. But Moscatello, who most recently worked in Washington, D.C., before coming to Chicago, is cooking dishes I haven't seen elsewhere. Entrees star familiar meats and seafood paired with offbeat sidekicks, such as monkfish set atop short rib fried rice (\$24) and perfectly rare lamb with a miniature savory jelly roll filled with red onion (\$28). Though the dishes skew fancy, management is trying hard to make it feel like a neighborhood spot, and those little gestures—like help putting on my coat and a parting gift of chocolate-coconut macaroons—go a long way.

Hated it: The quinoa fries (\$7) sounded like a fun starter to share but earned a place on my list of the stupidest things I've eaten this year

Storefront Company

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Lamb with red-onion jelly roll

(and said list has just one thing on it so far). Our server suggested we dip each fry in the provided pile of sheep's milk cheese and madeira granita, but the tiny fries break in half as soon as you pick them up and I couldn't scoop up the cheese shavings and grains of granita so much as awkwardly poke at them. The cocktail menu sticks close to classics and my apricot-tinged manhattan was boozily delicious, but it's not cool to charge \$14 for it when you're blocks from the craft-cocktail measuring stick that is The Violet Hour, and it charges just \$12.

Bottom line: Minus a couple of gripes, I like what I tasted at Storefront. I'd definitely return, but next time would try the multi-course meal served at the four-seat kitchen counter to really see what Moscatello is capable of.

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'The MF Life' album traveled a hard road

Los Angeles Times

There's no mystery behind the title of singer Melanie Fiona's sophomore release, "The MF Life," when you consider what the 28-year-old Guyanese Canadian songstress went through to make and release the highly anticipated CD.

The album, which finally hit stores Tuesday, was supposed to be out in early 2011. Though its lead single, "Gone and Never Coming Back," was released in January of last year, with "4 AM" following in September, the release of the full album was delayed countless times due to various setbacks.

What made it worse? Fiona was coming off a huge buzz after her 2009 critically acclaimed, retro-soul debut, "The Bridge." "It's the MF life," said Fiona, who will perform Tuesday at The Mid. "You ride it out and not everything is going to be perfect. But coming off the high of where I was ... it's just a little reality check."

One of the problems was the next-big-thing hype. It's a blessing and curse that makes any follow-up project a daunting task.

Then there were the shake-ups at the label that signed her. "There were a lot of internal

changes; and there's [now] a third of the staff that used to be there three years ago," said Fiona, who shifted from Motown to Universal Republic after a label restructure last year. "When you're under the major label system, you can't just put your music out, there are channels. It's a little frustrating. Looking back, there was a time when I felt I needed to rush this album."

"But if we would have put it out last year I wouldn't have had the features on this album," she continued. "I wouldn't have the anticipation, I wouldn't have the confidence in myself and the exposure of people hearing 'The MF Life' for the past year. It's the perfect timing."

Curious listeners will likely try to decipher how much of the record might be inspired by her long-term relationship with former "CSI: Miami" star Adam Rodriguez—which was kept under wraps until the two split recently.

Fiona simply hopes that fans will think the wait was worth it. "There's a song on there for everybody ... I hope there is something on there that made them go, 'Hell yeah, I've been through that.' I want people to feel like, 'Yeah, I'm living my MF life.'"

Melanie Fiona

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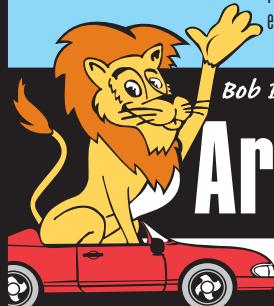
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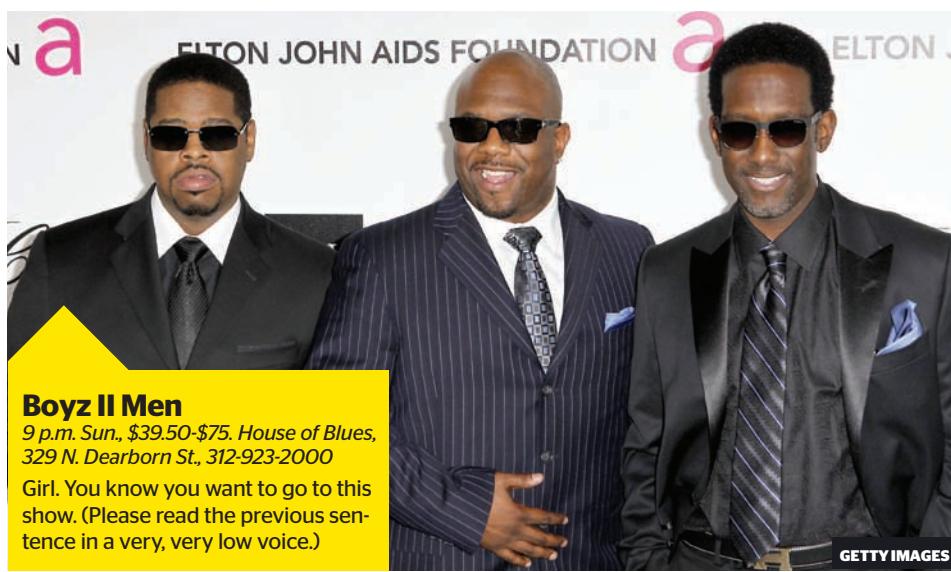
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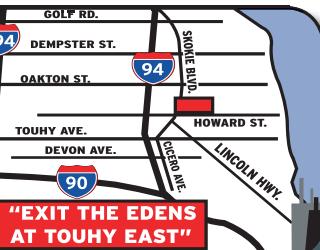
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Lawrence almost ready for big time

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A black Cadillac Escalade with tinted windows is idling in front of the Four Seasons Hotel in L.A., when the right rear window slides down to reveal Jennifer Lawrence looking like a movie star.

She smiles brightly and waves to onlookers as the vehicle pulls around to get onto Doheny Drive. Then it stops, as the star of the Next Big Blockbuster—"The Hunger Games"—greets fans toting movie posters emblazoned with her likeness, signs a dozen of them, then waves again as the Escalade peels away.

A dozen down, a million to go.

It's a big change for Lawrence, 21, who just over a year ago was living among an ocean of young actresses fighting for roles in smaller films and assorted TV shows.

Then in January 2011, she was nominated for an Academy Award for her performance as a teen trying to negotiate a web of criminals in "Winter's Bone."

Two months later, she landed the lead role in "The Hunger Games," the first in a series of movies that is as highly anticipated as the first "Twilight" film had been. Anonymous no more.

"It was fast, but I'm grateful for it," said Lawrence, who spent four months in Asheville, Charlotte, Concord and other parts of North Carolina last year during "Hunger Games" shooting. "When you get a promotion at your job, you don't go, 'God, that was too fast. Can I stay in the mailroom?' You take it, thankfully. ... I think I'm as ready as I can be—which is not that ready."

In "The Hunger Games," Lawrence portrays a 16-year-old girl named Katniss Everdeen, who lives with her mother and young sister in a future where a totalitarian government every year forces two dozen teens to fight to the death. Katniss' sister is selected to participate, but Katniss steps in and volunteers to enter the battle in her place.

Suzanne Collins' 2008 book is written from Katniss' point of view, and director Gary Ross has made a faithful adaptation; hence, Law-



Jennifer Lawrence
LOS ANGELES TIMES

rence is in almost every scene of the 140-minute film. Thanks to the new movie (and the inevitable follow-ups), Katniss'—and therefore Lawrence's—fan base will continue to swell over the next few years.

On one level, the actress is really just happy to be here, as the saying goes.

"I've been thinking about how this movie would affect people and young girls, but I haven't actually thought about how it would affect me," said Lawrence, a Louisville, Ky.,

native who has never had an acting lesson. "I guess when I think about the positives, it's just I get to be this character. ... When I drive by the posters, I laugh, and once in a while I'll get goose bumps."

She is already trying to prove she can do more, though. In September, Lawrence will star in the horror movie "House at the End of the Street." In November, she'll play a sex addict in the comedy "The Silver Linings Playbook." And this spring, Lawrence will begin shooting

the drama "Serena," in which her character is ice-cold and calculating, a departure from the sympathetic characters she often plays.

"I hope that I can do movies and I'm not Katniss anymore," Lawrence said, "that people can watch my movies and not think, 'Oh look, Katniss is doing a period drama,' Katniss is doing this.' I hope that when I'm doing these movies I can be the best Katniss that I can be, and then I can leave them and do other work."



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—Jennifer Lawrence on co-star Josh Hutcherson, a fellow Kentucky native. Read Matt Pais' interview with Hutcherson at redeyechicago.com.

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Jeremie Renier (left) and Thomas Doret in 'The Kid With a Bike'

Shape up, French dads!



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Sheesh, brothers Jean-Pierre and Luc Dardenne sure don't have a lot of faith in modern parents.

Jeremie Renier (who sold his newborn son in the Dardenne's "The Child") plays a deadbeat who wants to start his life over without his 11-year-old son Cyril (Thomas Doret), leaving the boy in the temporary care of a

The Kid with a Bike
(no rating)

hairdresser (Cecile de France of "Hereafter")—fully aware the boy would rather be with the dad who doesn't want him.

The Dardenne still succumb to a certain amount of contrivance and convenience, and they don't necessarily have a unique perspective to bring to the story of a kid without guidance (and self-worth) lured into bad behavior. Yet an organically unfolding plot and riveting performances make this Cannes prize winner searing and sad anyway.

French know love, not grief

French workplaces must really be hotbeds of free-flowing romantic opportunity. After Nathalie (Audrey "Amelie" Tautou) says it was inappropriate for her to kiss her colleague Markus (Francois Damiens), he says she sounds like an American. Meanwhile, Nathalie's married boss (Bruno Todeschini) continues to express his interest and lament Nathalie seeing anyone else. Get to work, you lonely lovebirds!

Anyway, "Delicacy" actually does not revolve around a love triangle but a woman trying to put herself back together, as Nathalie spends three years up to her ears in work after the sudden death of her husband (Pio Marmai). Grief and the process of moving on aren't easy to capture, and "Delicacy" struggles to access Nathalie's slow transformation into someone who might again be able to open

Delicacy
PG-13

her heart to someone. It's much better at the awkward language of love—Markus tells Nathalie, "I could go on holiday in your hair," which could sound sweet or gross—and the unexpected events that give life a major left turn. (This registers with more feeling than "The Vow," case you're wondering.)

First-time feature directors David Foenkinos (who adapted his novel into the script) and Stephane Foenkinos bounce back and forth between playful (office gossip!) and mournful, but anyone who's ever committed to someone knows the feeling of not being able to imagine a life without that person.

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To summarize "The Raid: Redemption" in one word: "Yahhh-hhhhhh!!!"

That nasal wail permeates every moment of this Indonesian martial arts flick, which features only third-hand dialogue in which people actually form sentences, not screams. Despite a pregnant wife at home, Rama (Iko Uwais) and his fellow cops do their duty and bust into a dilapidated building where a drug lord named Tama (Ray Sahetapy) has holed up and overseen the infestation of each unit with violent lowlifes. Note: "Redemption" originally was just called "The Raid." If they had to change the title, why not: "The Raid: Rama vs. Tama"?

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Writer-director Gareth Evans absolutely delivers well-choreographed fight sequences and creative killings. Those who drool at a spine cracked over a railing or a head smashed over a broken door should bring a bib. Those who want more than just standard good guys and bad guys and a constant stream of blood and bullets will be twiddling their thumbs, waiting for everyone to die. An axe to the chest will always get a reaction, but when every battle goes on for so long, "Redemption" has the effect of spending too much time on the treadmill: Tiring and monotonous.



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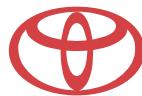
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This week's new DVD releases have everything from dragons to frogs.



The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo

★★★ A reporter and a hacker look into a 40-year-old case.

The main reason director David Fincher's film works is Rooney Mara brings the same fire, insanity and emotional combustibility to the role as when Noomi Rapace originally played Lisbeth Salander on screen. The complexities of this character—an emotionally battered ward of the state who is a computer whiz—aren't for the faint of acting heart. It requires a complete transformation into a character who is dark enough to torture her rapist but still comes across as vulnerable enough to justify her actions.

Extras: Director commentary

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"Carnage": Meeting to settle a dispute explodes into a verbal battle. Jodie Foster stars.

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Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy

★★★

This smart adaptation of John le Carre's complicated Cold War novel is an example of a production that gets its power from quiet moments. Gary Oldman's controlled and brilliant performance and director Tomas Alfredson's direction elevate this tale of a disgraced British spy who returns to the job to find a mole far above the normal spy thriller.

The film works despite major cuts to the original story. Reducing le Carre's complicated tale to a workable length meant several characters were diminished or eliminated. The writers keep a tight focus on the central storyline so the missing players and plot points aren't missed. The quiet power of Alfredson's

direction, the controlled but brilliant performance by Oldman, and a smart adaptation of the original story makes "Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy" a production that proves movies that have something to say don't have to shout to be heard.

Extras: Deleted scenes, cast/filmmakers/le Carre interviews, behind-the-scenes feature

TV on DVD: The 1979 TV adaptation of "Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy" makes its Blu-ray debut April 24 from Acorn Media Group. Includes six episodes, plus a new interview with director John Irvin, deleted scenes, an interview with le Carre, production notes, a characters/terms glossary and a le Carre bio and booklist.



The Muppets

★★★ The gang must get back together to save their theater. If you're looking for something for the whole family to enjoy, "The Muppets" is a marvelous choice. What makes the film work is director James Bobin.

He guides the gang through the story using the same template that made the TV show so good. The fourth wall is broken as characters repeatedly reference being in a movie. Bobin dots the film with big-name guest stars in cameo roles, just as in the series. The actors in the film often look both excited and a little hesitant to trade lines with a handful of cloth and cotton. Jack Black, who could very well be a living Muppet, seems the most comfortable. The return of Kermit, Miss Piggy and the rest of the gang to the big screen means nostalgic comfort for adults and a rowdy fun time for kids. It's wocka, wocka wonderful. In addition to a digital download and on-demand release, Disney is offering the movie in several packages.

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» A two-disc Blu-ray/DVD combo includes the bloopers, deleted scenes, making-of and other pieces—but not the trailers, digital copy or the soundtrack download.

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How to assemble a martial arts flick



ABOUT LAST NIGHT

Luis Gomez

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Gareth Evans had a rule when choosing which movie to rent while growing up in Wales: If there is a ninja suit or a guy holding a sword on the cover, rent it.

Evans watched hundreds of martial arts films over the years as a result, and he turned his love for the genre into a writing and directing

film career. His new Indonesian martial arts film—"The Raid: Redemption," in theaters Friday—revolves around a SWAT team trapped in a high-rise apartment building run by a crime lord and his thugs.

Evans showed off his expertise of martial arts films and lists the genre's most common clichés (yes, some of which you will find in "The Raid").

The hero: "He's the everyman—the guy that's totally relatable in terms of appearance

and stature. When people look too perfect, it's not cool. I like seeing faces that look like they belong to people who have lived those lives. People who look like they've taken hits—tough faces."

The small guy: "He will beat the living [bleep] out of everyone and everything that moves. We have that in ['The Raid']. The best example of that is [1988's] 'Police Story 2.' The small guy in it is deaf and wears glasses and braces. He doesn't look cool at all, but God, can he fight."

The big guy: "Either he's close to indestructible and the only way you can kill him is by choking him out to death or they go for the surprise element and he gets knocked out with one punch."

The crazy guy: "They tend to be moderately dangerous. ... They're usually [in] the 45- or 50-minute-mark fight. That guy will be something of a challenge but someone [the



Gareth Evans



'The Raid: Redemption'

protagonist] can surpass."

The older boss: "There's always a slightly older boss. We have that in ['The Raid']. He's intimidating, but we don't need to see him fight. It's more about his presence. You usually want to get a really good actor to play that role because they have to carry on that danger and threat."

Guns: "Usually what happens is a guy has a gun and it's immediately kicked out of his

hands and across the room. 'OK, now let's fight.' That's how they get away with no guns. I don't like seeing people kick and punch when they could easily fire a gun: 'Shoot the [bleep] guy.' We had 30 minutes of gunplay [in "The Raid"] and found weird ways to get rid of [the guns] so that when we finally unleashed the martial arts of the film, it made sense."

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Message, not movie

October Baby

PG-13



"October Baby" is earnest, sober and serious, a faith-based film that clothes itself in more subtle faith-friendly garb.

It's about abortion, and the payoff moment is when a former nurse (Jasmine Guy) goes into graphic detail about what happened in a botched Alabama abortion years before.

But the filmmakers don't fret over how long they take to get to that sermonette, how dull their movie is up to that point, how banal the characters and dialogue and how inept other details come off. "October Baby" is all about the message.

Rachel Hendrix is Hannah, a gorgeous college freshman actress who has had lingering health issues—asthma, hip surgeries, seizures. When one of those maladies causes her to collapse onstage, the origin of those problems is revealed.

Hannah was a baby who survived a botched late-term abortion. She was adopted by a doctor (John Schneider) and his wife (Jennifer Price), who never told her the truth. Her doctor even seems to suggest that her psychological problems (not really evident) stem from her memories of that event.

Now, she's got her birth certificate and a convenient collection of college pals who are headed to New Orleans for spring break. Hannah was born in Mobile, Ala. Her too-helpful never-quite-boyfriend (Jason Burkey) offers to bring her along and make a stop there. With Hannah pleading "My whole life is a lie," how could he not?

The road picture element has a couple of moments of life and a couple of characters have comic potential. And college kids, going to New Orleans? That's a party, right? Not this bunch. Hendrix has a little chemistry with Burkey. But the blase movie around them has more to do with the screenplay than any of the constrained performances here.

Filmmakers Jon and Andrew Erwin are more interested in backdoor references to faith than advancing the plot. Static, talky scenes just sit there, waiting for something to happen. There's no urgency to it.

Filmed to come out during the political season, "October Baby" could have hot-button appeal for a certain audience. But the Erwins didn't wrap their message in anything particularly moving, and certainly nothing entertaining. ROGER MOORE, MCT

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Los Angeles Times

Nokia is taking steps to make sure that you never miss another phone call, text or email alert again: The company has filed a patent for a tattoo that would send "a perceivable impulse" to your skin whenever someone tries to contact you on the phone.

According to the patent filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, the phone would communicate with the tattoo through magnetic waves. The phone would emit magnetic waves and the tattoo would act as a receiver. When the waves hit the tattoo, it would set off a tactile response in the user's skin.

The patent filing also suggests that it would be possible to customize the physical response depending on who is calling—similar to having a unique ring tone for each

family member. So if your husband calls you might feel only a dull tingling, but if it's your teenage daughter calling you may feel an itch.

A reporter for Unwired View, who first spotted the unusual patent filing, says it is possible to sync a phone and a tattoo through magnetic waves in a way similar to how phones are synced to Bluetooth.

To make the magnetized tattoo, Nokia's patent filing suggests using ferromagnetic ink, which is ink that includes compounds such as iron or iron oxide.

Before going in the user's skin, the ink is heated to a high temperature to temporarily demagnetize it. After getting the tattoo, the user remagnetizes it by repeatedly running a magnet over the tattooed spot.

In the patent filing, Nokia also proposes a slightly less invasive version of this technology, which would include a magnetic receiver that could be worn on the skin like a sticker and would vibrate when the phone rings.

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And if, at 4 a.m., you feel like getting a slice of pizza, or a whole pizza, you can, no problem. Who's going to care?

3. Quiet weekends! Quiet weekends!

Conversely, if you want to spend an entire weekend ensconced in your room and watch Seasons 1-4 of "The West Wing" and order delivery, and sleep all afternoon, and wear your rattiest sweatpants, and stalk people on Facebook 'cause you're just in that kind of mood, you can. You can ignore all phone calls and basically disappear from the world without feeling too neglectful or guilty.

4. Eat whatever, whenever you want

Something about being in a relationship seems to put a lot of pressure on meals: whereas a single person can just pour themselves a bowl of cereal for dinner, a couple will more often than not feel the need to "go get food" or put together an entire meal. You can enjoy eating without feeling the pressure of making a meal a big production.

5. Sleeping diagonally on the bed

Can we just, like, let go of the illusion that sharing a bed with someone is actually comfortable? It's fine. But having an entire bed to yourself is great.

6. Not having to hang out with anyone else's friends

You have your own friends, and it's hard

7. The remote control is yours and yours alone

And you're going to watch that "Toddlers And Tiaras" marathon in its entirety.

enough to find time to hang out with them. Sort of nice not to have to spend a Friday night hanging out with someone else's friends, no?

8. Guiltless flirting

Flirting is one of life's simplest pleasures, and easiest confidence boosters. Maintain eye contact just a beat longer than normal, engage in a little repartee, touch someone's arm, send a few playful texts that may or may not lead anywhere. Puts an extra spring in your step, doesn't it?

9. Better brunch stories

Your crazy, roller-coaster dating stories make you the most popular person at brunch. Your dating and hookup stories may not end in "happily ever after," but they're always entertaining.

10. Big decisions are yours and yours alone to make

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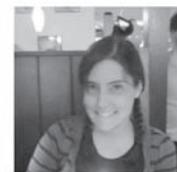
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MIX it up

Los Angeles Times

Socialite Olivia Palermo has become a fixture on the fashion circuit. Chances are you've seen her photographed in the front row of almost every major runway show. New York magazine's 2007 "It" girl has made a name for herself in the fashion world with her impeccable style, and she's known for appearing effortlessly put together in mix-and-match patterns, bold textures and mounds of accessories.

The 26-year-old has rebounded nicely from her brief stint on the reality TV show "The City," where her frenemy antics awarded her villain status. Since the show, she's signed with the Wilhelmina Models agency, launched a jewelry collection with Roberta Freymann, been the face of the

London label Freda and recently scored a gig as the face of the new Rochas scent.

At the Topshop Unique show during London Fashion Week recently, Palermo was back in front of the cameras, embracing this season's explosive prints. She wore a Topshop neon yellow top, black fur-trim blazer and Topshop trousers festooned with tropical flowers. Her feet were clad in leopard print.

You can get the look for less.

Olivia Palermo (right) at the Topshop Unique fashion show during London Fashion Week.

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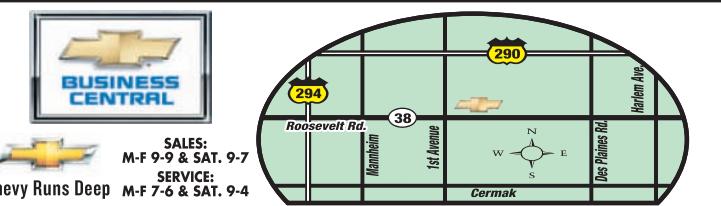
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Street Fighter X Tekken

PlayStation 3, Xbox 360

A crossover with comic book heroes is one thing, but who would have believed that Ryu and the "Street Fighter" crew would ever share the spotlight with their fight club rivals at Tekken? That's right, Capcom has developed a game that takes "Street Fighter" and "Tekken" characters and puts them in a game that plays like a souped-up variation of "Street Fighter IV." Overall it looks great, plays like a dream and features a ton of classic characters, but be warned—this isn't a game for casual button mashers—you need to practice the special moves and combos extra hard if you want to win consistently.

THREE TO PLAY

BY RYAN SMITH | FOR REDEYE



Mario Party 9

Nintendo Wii



As in previous versions, "Mario Party 9" plays as a big video game version of a board game where Mario, Luigi and friends traverse across a game board to score the highest in mini-games and collect stars. "Mario Party" isn't the type of game that will rack up awards or wow you with amazing graphics or innovative game play, and it's a bore when played alone, but the word "party" is in the title for a reason—with two or three friends sharing the couch, it can be a downright blast to play.



FIFA Street

PlayStation 3, Xbox 360

Street soccer is something of an under-ground sport in Chicago, but "FIFA Street" makes the case that it should be getting more attention.

It's a faster game played in parks, gyms and back streets instead of the vast stadiums of the regular international version, and EA Sports has done a good job representing the showmanship and flair of the sport. As a bonus, the control scheme is intuitive, even if it drops the ball when it comes to precision passing.

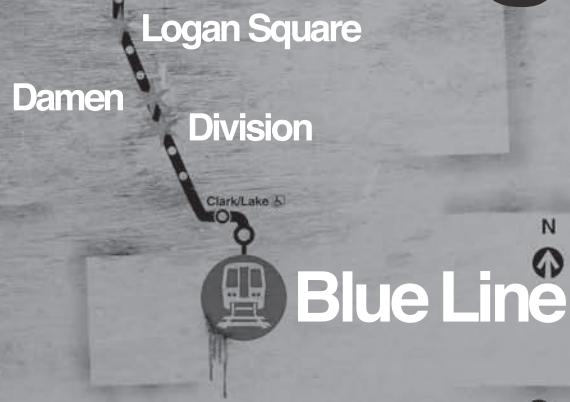
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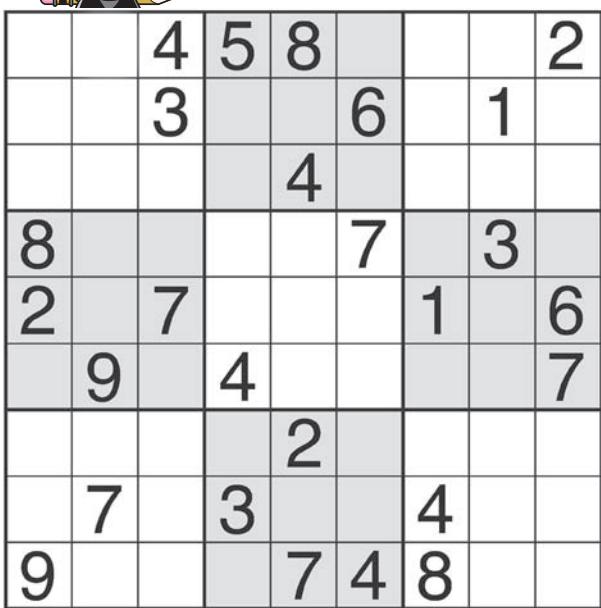
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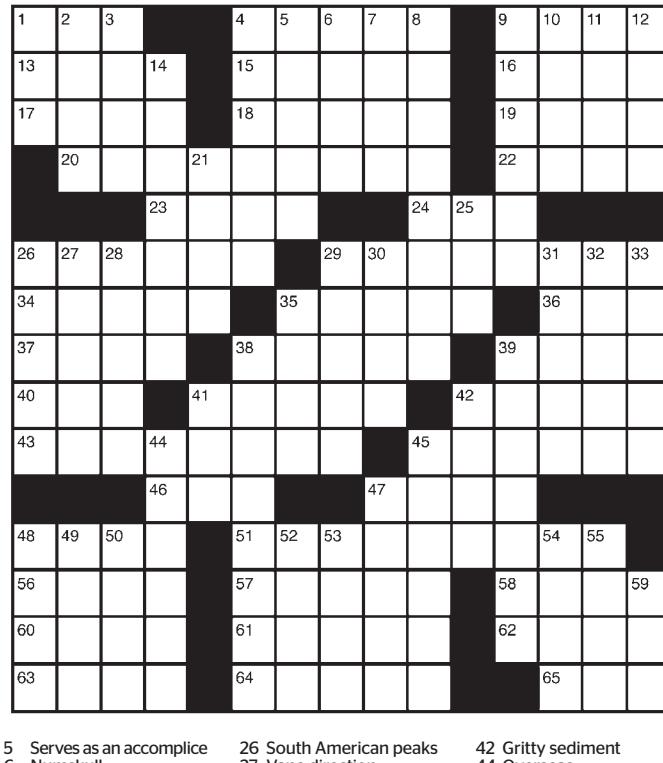
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1 2 hours before midnight
 4 Lost color
 9 "A _ of Two Cities"
 13 Singer Clapton
 15 suspicion;
 16 Mountain goat
 17 Curved molding overhead
 18 Relinquishes
 19 Applaud
 20 _ in the closet; family secrets
 22 Casino game
 23 Floor cushions
 24 Female sheep
 26 Jellies made of meat stock
 29 Heaven
 34 Boisterous
 35 Amounts owed
 36 Clamor
 37 Song for two
 38 Prescribed amounts
 39 Owner's paper
 40 And so forth: abbr.
 41 Hen's litter
 42 Debonair
 43 Wool gatherers
 45 _ the soil; cultivated
 46 Lamb's cry
 47 -mell; in great disorder
 48 Reminder of a past surgery
 51 Very brief
 56 African nation
 57 Climbing plants
 58 Have a strong odor
 60 "Hey! What's the big _?"
 61 Gall
 62 Roy Rogers and _ Evans
 63 Actor Foxx
 64 Avarice
 65 Layer of wood

DOWN

1 Brewed drink
 2 Miscalculates
 3 Actor Nolte
 4 Gem surfaces



5 Serves as an accomplice
 6 Numskull
 7 as we speak; at present
 8 Baked Alaska, apple pie
 9 _ off; angry
 10 Competent
 11 Thin
 12 Member of a former team from Montreal
 14 Lab scientist
 21 Frilly
 25 "It _ fun while it lasted!"

26 South American peaks
 27 Vane direction
 28 Fragment
 29 Mexican dollars
 30 Sick _; laid up
 31 Just right
 32 Strainer
 33 Finished
 35 Entryway
 38 Fantasizing
 39 Lamebrain
 41 Two-cup item

42 Gritty sediment
 44 Overseas
 45 _ up; became nervous
 47 Irritate
 48 Mix in a bowl
 49 ZIP _
 50 Ripened
 52 Hovering above
 53 Deep mud
 54 Gather; harvest
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Tracking the 'Office' shifts is a full-time job

By Dana Moran | REDEYE

In a workplace known for wacky antics, things are getting really out of hand. Several big developments involving the cast of "The Office" were announced Thursday, leaving us wondering even more about the show's future (please just let it die already). We combed through the reports to see who's fired and who's hired.

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You're fired?

James Spader (Robert California)

Status: On the way out
Spader saved everybody's butts when he took over Dunder Mifflin after Carell left the show, but he said in February he won't be returning for Season 9.

Paul Lieberstein (Toby Flenderson)

Status: Slowing down.
Lieberstein, who was an "Office" showrunner as well as one of its stars, has stepped down from that role to focus on "The Farm," though there's no word on whether he's leaving the cast.

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Rainn Wilson (Dwight Schrute)

Status: Probably out
Rumors have been flying for months about a Dwight-themed spinoff, "The Farm," which would see Mr. Schrute returning to his family's roots as a beet farmer. We are not optimistic about this.

Steve Carell (Michael Scott)

Status: Way out.
Everybody's favorite boss peaced out near the end of Season 7.
Hint: This would've been a smart time to end the show.

Mindy Kaling (Kelly Kapoor)

Status: Probably out.
Fox has picked up her comedy pilot about an OB-GYN. If it's ordered to a full series—and we really hope it is, because this sounds like the best sitcom EVER—she'll be done at "The Office."

John Krasinski (Jim Halpert), Jenna Fischer (Pam Halpert) and B.J. Novak (Ryan Howard)

Status: Still in, but ...
Deadline.com is reporting contract talks have stalled for these three and Helms. None of them has a deal beyond the current season.

Ed Helms (Andy Bernard)

Status: Possibly out
Sounds like Helms might be banking on Kaling. EW reports he'll be joining her OB-GYN-fest as a possible love interest for her character, Mira.





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Keepin' it real

Go ahead and dust off your copy of "Return to the 36 Chambers": Michael K. Williams (aka Omar from "The Wire") is set to play Wu-Tang Clan's Ol' Dirty Bastard in an upcoming film called "Dirty White Boy," deadline.com reports.

«THE DIGIT

That's how much you'll be charged per minute to chat with reality "star" Dina Lohan if you call her through the new hotline dial-a-star.com. For a deposit of at least \$30, you can chat with reality stars including both Lohan parents, the Octomom, Angelina from "Jersey Shore" and more. Prices vary by "celeb."

« HOT DATE
March 26

That's when Pitbull's song "Back in Time" will be released as a digital single, billboard.com reports. Why is that important? It's the theme song for "Men in Black 3," due out May 25.

Showing the love



Ricky Martin is just an all-around lover. "I've slept with women and I've fallen in love with them and I've felt wonderful things," Martin told Spanish Vanity Fair, according to nypost.com. "There was love, passion. I don't regret anything, any of the relationships I've lived. They taught me a lot, both men and women equally." He appears on the cover of the mag with his 3-year-old twins, Matteo and Valentino.



"There's much worse bands than Nickelback ... maybe."

« Black Keys drummer **Patrick Carney**, to MTV Canada, in perhaps the worst apology ever for dissing Nickelback in Rolling Stone

Denial mode

Don't hold your breath for a reunion of The White Stripes. "I would probably say absolutely not. Absolutely no chance," frontman/guitarist Jack White told British music magazine NME. Maybe, he said, if the band "really needed the cash, which would be a really sad thing."

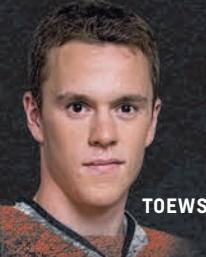
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